

Saturday

What was everyone up to between Good Friday and Easter?



1. SATURDAY: the bad guys scheme

[Saturday] the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first."



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"Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." So they went out and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting a guard.

-Matthew 27: 62-66



2. SATURDAY: the Sabbath rest

[The LORD said:] "Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy...On it you shall not do any work....Remember that the LORD your God brought you out of [Egypt] with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day."



-Deuteronomy 5: 12-15

2. SATURDAY: the good guys rest

The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

-Luke 23:55-56



3. SATURDAY: the Lord preaches

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built.



-I Peter 3: 18-19

